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"A Son of Africa Has Passed"

By Tex W. Smith

THE world is blessed by men who do things, and not by those who merely talk about them. Of such was Jan Christiaan Smuts! A great man, a great statesman and philosopher.

The history of modern South Africa is the story of Jan Christiaan Smuts. From the moment of his natal day, in the pleasant sleepy placid farm "Boyen Platz" near the Garden District of Malmesbury in 1870, till the day of his passing in 1950, Jan Christiaan Smuts was destined to become an integral part of his beloved country, South Africa.

Much water passed under the bridges of time, as events progressed through the years. His influence in the British Empire, in Europe and in International affairs and his timely council in America has been immense. Out of the wars of his time little remains. Treaties have been dishonoured; the ideals for which a generation died physically and morally have been fruitless.

Out of all the tremendous struggles of a nation; there remain untouched by the fury of the iconoclasts but few men — and included in this group is Jan Christiaan Smuts. His reputation can stand on the firm foundation of his real qualities and achievements, and these are foundations of steel; firm resolute and genuine. South Africans can be justly proud of this great leader of men. His biography will be treasured by all who seek to emulate his ideals. The final history of South Africa would be incomplete without the immemorable achievement of this idealist, who like his ideal, Cecil Rhodes, found life too short and epitomized this lasting token: "*So much to do and so little time to do it.*"

Jan Christiaan has passed on into the sunset. So has a decade in historical South Africa. From humble dorp to proud city his name will ever remain green.

"He is not dead, this son of Africa who fell in glory.
Who gave his life for freedom and for truth.
'Tis hard we know to fill his empty place in history,
He is not dead, but rests awhile forsooth!"

Cover:

*Recent photo of General Smuts,
courtesy Cape Times.*

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The Church...

AROUND THE WORLD

THE FIRST CHAPEL to be dedicated in Alaska was dedicated by President Joel Richards of the North Western States Mission. The equivalent of 100 per cent. of the branch membership was present on that July day in Juneau, Alaska, to witness and participate in the dedicatory services. There are 45 members in the branch and 45 people were present, some of them being friends and investigators. Some of the Branch officers were away on Government business, so the First Counsellor conducted the services.

President Richards was the main speaker and after his very inspirational talk on "The Dispensation of the Fullness of Times and the Restitution of All Things," he dedicated the chapel.

There is another meeting house in the course of construction in Fairbanks, Alaska, which will be completed and ready for dedication next summer, according to President Richards.

OVER ONE HUNDRED French boys in an Eighteenth Century French chateau recently listened with eagerness to three missionaries, who told about the early history of Mormonism. The young French boys, who were at the chateau for a rest cure, besieged the missionaries with questions about the Book of Mormon and various Church doctrine. The questions the boys asked were more apt and intelligent than those of many adults the missionaries had met during their journeys across France.

ORGANIZATION and determination of the kind that helped the pioneers conquer the perils of the desert were displayed in Salt Lake City on the last Monday in August, after the ravages of fire had destroyed the beautiful Stratford-Park Avenue Ward chapel.

While the chapel was still smoldering, the bishops and stake presidents drew up a schedule utilizing adjoining ward chapels and halls thus enabling the wards to continue all but Sunday School meetings without interruption.

More than half of the rubble was removed by 7.00 a.m. and

work on reconstruction was begun two days later. The basement rooms were not damaged too badly, and will be used in the new building, as well as most of the walls which were still quite sound after the conflagration.

A HUGE AUDIENCE made up of people of every faith witnessed the stirring Hill Cumorah drama recently. For the ninth consecutive year the presentation of "America's Witness For Christ" was given near the sacred Hill. Thousands of cars crawled in unending file over the hills and around the turns of historic Canandaigua Road, to watch the well-lit evening performance.

Soul-moving transcribed music of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir introduced the gathering crowds to the mood of the great pageant. Many vivid scenes of the restoration of the Gospel and the visions of Joseph Smith, were portrayed in pageant form. Historical events of early Nephite and Lamanite origin were given, including Moroni's vision of Mary and her Christ son. Alma, the young Nephite stalwart; Samuel the Lamanite Prophet; the resurrected Christ; and Moroni were among the few of the characters given prominence during the performance.

Never forget that the true way to be happy is to do something to add to others' happiness. Try to forget self, and joy here and hereafter will come to you.

Heber J. Grant.

THREE BUILDERS have left Salt Lake City for the south-sea island community of Pesega to begin constructions of a beautiful and commodious 24-room elementary school to serve the people of that vicinity.

This college, on the island of Samoa, is to be completed in about three months time, according to Edward O. Anderson, Church Architect.

Work is also nearing completion on the Liahona College in the Island of Tonga.

THE ART OF LIVING

Let's Do It Seven Days a Week

By President Daniel Cherrett,
Second Counsellor

IT has been said that the highest of all arts is the art of living well. Some few people achieve prominence through their ability to outshine others in the art of poetry, painting, music or sculpture, but each one of us with the assistance of our Father in Heaven can shine in our own sphere by making life beautiful and happy for ourselves and those around us.

We as Latter Day Saints have the responsibility to ourselves and to the Church to live in such a manner that we are a credit to the Gospel which we have accepted and fulfill the covenants which we entered into with our Heavenly Father when we went into the waters of baptism.

Mormonism is not a Sunday-go-to-meeting-religion. It is a practical philosophy of life for the whole seven days of the week, and it is up to us to live our lives accordingly. It has as much concern for a man's physical welfare as for his spiritual; for his health as for his soul; for his recreation as for his work; and for his business ethics as for his church attendance.

The Church in itself is an educational unit which cares for all phases of our activity and requirements. In the auxiliaries and in the Priesthood Meetings we have the benefit of lesson courses which give us a vast quantity of excellent material prepared under the direction of the leaders of the Church.

In the early days, the Church members found open and violent opposition. Today we have an even more dangerous type of opposition to face — the influences of a non-Christian age and lack of interest among our own members. If we allow ourselves to be hired into an attitude of self complacency and limit our activities to Sunday worship, we are well on the way to ruining our chances of attaining that goal for which we are all working — perfection in this life and the life hereafter.

Let us all try to follow out the injunctions of President Brigham Young when he said, "It is our privilege to say, every day of our lives, 'That is the best day I ever lived.' Never let a day go by that we will have cause to say, 'I will live better tomorrow.'"

Then indeed we would merit the inscription which appears over the tomb of Louis Pasteur:

"Happy is he who carries a God within him, an ideal of beauty to which he is obedient — an ideal of Art, an ideal of science, an ideal of the fatherland, an ideal of the virtues of the Gospel."

On Being at Our Best



Perhaps most of us give way at times to actions and attitudes and utterances which we would not ordinarily approve in ourselves or others. But whenever we depart from our most acceptable selves, we must remember that there are at least two things for which we are constantly accountable. One is the effect our attitudes and actions have on us, and the other is the effect our attitudes and actions have on others. Especially should we be mindful of the effect of our actions and utterances on young and impressionable people. By the time we have arrived at adulthood, we ourselves may have acquired a solid set of standards from which we may not feel that there is much danger of departing very far, and to which it may seem rather easy to return — and we may think that occasional small departures won't matter too much.

While our off-actions and off-utterances may for us be only passing departures, the impressions we implant in others may be permanent. Many a man who has said and done things that didn't seem to him to

change his own well-anchored standards and basic beliefs has found that the example of his words and his ways has changed his children, and may have led them to permanent departures.

Of course, we may presume the privileges of maturity; we may presume that it is all right for us who are older to say and do things that those who are younger shouldn't say or do. But what a father does had better be good for his son, because most sons are at some time or other likely to want to walk in their father's footsteps. What anyone does had better be good for those who depend upon him to set the pace. Even supposing that we ourselves could give way to substandard conduct and unworthy utterances without seeming to hurt ourselves very much, we must be mindful of the effects of what we do and say on others — because other people are influenced as much by us when we are at our worst as they are when we are at our best.

For this reason, if for no other, it is important to be at our best!

—By Richard L. Evans of First Council of Seventy



The Joys Of Eternity

By Elder Floyd L. Leavitt

In order to bring us joy, peace and harmony to guide us through the trials and tribulations that confront us in this life, and to exalt us in a Celestial glory in the hereafter, our Father in Heaven has revealed unto us the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we live its principles, the Gospel will do even more for us. The programme of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the custodian of Christ's Gospel, is designed for just that — to develop in joy and harmony, every phase of our lives and personalities here, and to prepare us for eternal inheritance in the world to come. This is true happiness.

As well as to enjoy the glories of the world to come, God also meant us to enjoy our sojourn here on the earth. Since the time of Adam, the Eternal Father has revealed unto us the things that will make our mortal journey a happy one. And going back even further, before the earth even existed, God had planned that it would be a world adapted and suited for man's growth and experience. It has been borne out time and again that our mortal well-being is also one of His primary concerns.

The classic example of God's concern over our mortal, as well as spiritual being, is the Word of Wisdom. Here we have a simple code of health, "Adapted to the capacity of the weak and weakest of all saints." We are all familiar with its teachings and know that by adherence to them we are promised that we can obtain health in the naval and

marrow to the bones, that we "Shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures; And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint," and that the destroying angel shall pass by as the Children of Israel.

Another law with both temporal and spiritual blessings, which has been given to us for our benefit, is the law of tithing. The Lord has given us a challenge whereby we can prove him and see for ourselves. If we will bring one tenth of our increase to him He, "Will open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Still other blessings to be derived from an active participation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ are those of brotherhood, association, leadership and service. There are responsibilities for everyone and with those responsibilities come personal growth. It has been said that the Church of Jesus Christ does not attract great men, but that it develops them. This is true because of the high percentage of its members in positions of responsibility. Is it any wonder, then, that there is such an abundance of that great joy which comes from unselfish service to our fellow men? Thus, it is by living the Gospel that we are best able to work, play, study and worship together with joy and harmony. From the President of the Church to the branch teacher, and from the Primary mother to the youngest child, all are serving their fellowmen, all are growing and developing, and more important, are all serving God.

The family is the basic unit of the Church, and a true family, like the Church, will last for eternity. • In the family we must have the same kindness, love, and unselfish devotion that builds up the Church. For this reason the Lord has revealed unto us the sacred importance and responsibility of marriage and the family, and has restored the keys of Celestial Marriage. The Lord has revealed unto us that to receive guidance from on high in our homes we must pray together in family prayer.

In both the home and the church we are taught the principles and ordinances of Christ's Gospel, that we might incorporate them into our lives. It is the adherence or disobedience to these laws that determine our happiness here on the earth and our joy in the life to come. They have been given to us for our benefit, that through our faith and repentance and by baptism, we might receive a remission of our sins; and that by the laying on of hands, we can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost to guide, teach, and comfort us.

How much greater then, is the joy to be received from living the principles of the

Gospel, which have for their reward an inheritance in the Kingdom of God, than is the false thrill of some unrestrained action, whose end product can only bring misery and woe. How can men afford to sell their souls for the riches of the world and the glory of men when all that is acquired by these subtle means, or by any means less than the Gospel, will come to naught? Where can we receive better contentment than that which comes from raising a righteous family in the ways of the Lord? Where can we develop greater peace and harmony than among the followers of Jesus Christ? What joy can be greater than the joy of knowing that we shall inherit Eternal Life and dwell in the presence of our Heavenly Father for ever?

Let us work for the harmony that can be gained by service to our fellow men, and to our Heavenly Father. Let us strive to attain the blessings that can be obtained by living the commandments that our Father has given to mark the path of our earthly journey. If we do this we shall not only enjoy the greatest pleasures of our mortal existence, but "Eternal happiness hereafter."

SONG CONTEST CONTINUES!!!

Entries for the Mission Song are still being received by Elder Thorn in the Mission Office. Several have been received to date, but the contest closing date has been extended to the First of November to give more people an opportunity to compete in this important event.

Tonight when you "retire to your bed early," let your mind dwell deeply on this Mission Anthem! Then, when that inspiration comes to you, get up and jot it down on paper.

We want it to be YOUR words that are set to music by the leading Church Musician in Salt Lake City, who will make the final decision, but this will only be possible if you submit your entry.

Entries are desired from all! Men . . . Women . . . Children . . . and Missionaries. Forget what you haven't done before and give vent to your talents. "Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang but the best."

Basket Ball — Portuguese Style!

*Photo: l. to r.:
(Back row) Elders
Robert Jex, Floyd
Trimble, Mead
Squire, Leo Miller,
Glen Benson.
(Front row) Elders
Dimar Hogan,
Tharin Bigler, Pre-
sident E. P. Wright
(manager) Gilbert
Tobler (captain),
Lloyd Bradshaw.*



Because of a fine display of basketball by Mormon Missionaries during a basketball tournament last year, ten missionaries of the South African mission were guests at the International Basketball Tournament in Mozambique, August 30 to September 5, 1950.

The sponsors of the tournament were extremely hospitable to the LDS missionaries and every consideration was shown. Sunday in Mozambique is the principal day for sports, and a tentative schedule listed the championship game for that evening. To fit in with the Church's views on the Sabbath the championship game was postponed till the following Monday. Sunday evening found the small group gathered together in a large room of the club house where they were staying, not for sport activity, but for a sacramental service which was the first known LDS meeting to be held in the Portuguese Colony.

The Mormon team, with President Evan P. Wright as manager, and Elder Gilbert Tobler, captain, journeyed to Lourenco Marques, principal city of Mozambique, as guests of the Ferroviario Sports Club. While in the city, aside from the basketball com-

petitions, the schedule included a visit to the city's radio station where they were guests on one of the programs, guided tour of the city, a stop at famous Polano Beach, and a launch trip up the Incomati River to see the numerous hippos and crocodiles.

The opening night of the tournament, which was played in an open air court, found the missionary team pitted against Mozambique's 1949 champions. However, after introductions were made, pennants and plaques exchanged, it began to rain so that the game had to be postponed. During the next three nights, the team won all of their games, including the one with their host, the Ferroviario Club, when they outclassed them in the championship event. Scores for the games were: 46-23; 58-35; 54-25.

Elder Meade Squire, sixfoot and 8½ inches tall, brought cheers his way as he controlled the backboards with ease. The warming up routine with Elder Lloyd Bradshaw, who is a little over five feet, next to him added a touch of humour to the event. Elder Tobler was the mainstay of the team and Elder Robert Jex and Dimar Hogan were high point men.

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Ramah Gold and Green

Under a canopy of gold and green streamers, the deputy Mayor of South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, crowned Joey Brummer, Vereeniging Branch, queen of the Transvaal District Gold and Green Ball. He followed the crowning with a short talk commending the officers and teachers of the Mutual Improvement Association for their fine work.

The affair, sponsored by the Ramah Branch organization of Johannesburg, was held in the Selborne Hall, the small ballroom of the Johannesburg City Hall on September 30. This is the second time that the outstanding social function of the M.I.A. has been held with such favourable surroundings.

The guests of honour included the Deputy mayor and his wife, Councillor and Mrs. Beckett, and President and Sister E. R. Yarn of the Mission Presidency, as well as the presidents of the various branches of the district.

The deputy mayor, in his remarks to the audience proceeding the placing of the crown on the queen's head, was high in his praise of the conditions under which the dance was run and of the spirit of the youthful crowd that gathered. He said that if his services could ever be used in furthering the work of the M.I.A., the leaders of the group should feel free to call upon him.

A humorous moment came when Councillor Beckett was interrupted during his address by a small attendant, through a mix-up in schedule, handing him a bouquet to give to the queen. He stopped his talk and bowed, on one knee before Her Majesty, and presented her with her bouquet of office. This brought a laugh of delightment from those assembled. When the deputy Mayor and his wife left the hall, the entire crowd arose and sang for He's a jolly good fellow.

The reigning queen was chosen from one of the six representatives from the branches of the district. Each representative was given a wrapped rose, five of which were red and one white. The one who received the white rose took her place on the throne.

The presentation of the roses to the queens constituted the floor show of the evening. Nola Matthews, one of the very youthful members of the Ramah Branch, did a presentation ballet that was a highlight of the dance. Nola is becoming very popular in the dancing circles of Johannesburg. Recently she was selected to go to Port Elizabeth with a group of other children for an exhibition dance. She is the sister of Yvonne Matthews, one of the two South African lady Missionaries.

Refreshments for the occasion was a snack supper, customary of South African dances. The guests of honour were seated at a main table, while tables for the others were located on each side of the room. Each table was decorated with a vase of multi coloured flowers, which blended well with the tentlike ceiling of crepe paper streamers that covered the dance floor and the banks of yellow daisies that bordered the bandstand. The throne, placed in the centre of the hall in front of the band stand, was rimmed with two large bouquets of gladiolas on each side.

Queens representing the other branches, were Janette Brummer of Northwestern; Peggy Futter of Springs; Erica Beswick of Ramah; Sanie Brummer of Pretoria; Alma Schroeder of Krugersdorp.

General chairmen of the dance were Fred Ninow and Mercia Tewson. Mary Stark and Elder Gilbert Tobler were the mayoral reception committee. Cecil Ninow aided in the advertising. Elder Wayne Bell was in charge of decorating.



My Happiness, My Home

Mrs. Johanna Fourie

Marriage is an institution of Divine ordination, having its origin in Eden, way back on the borders of time.

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man He had formed.

"And the Lord God said, it is not good that man should be alone. I will make an helpmeet for him.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2-8, 18, 24.

Young couples so often are prone to believe that the pronouncement by legal authority — "I now pronounce you man and wife" — has the magical power to insure lasting happiness, like the fairy-tale ending — "And they lived happily ever after."

Success and happiness in marriage result only from a continuous adjustment of differences and a love that is patient and understanding. We cannot allow the Evil One to ruin our home. Home is where our heart is and it must remain the abiding place of our love.

With the arrival of each new family mem-

ber, new problems of adjusting arise. Each member of the family is a distinct personality; which according to the teachings of "Mormonism" is to continue throughout eternity. To preserve these distinctive personalities in love and harmony is the great art of happy family relationship.

Where this unity exists a sound foundation is laid for the development of family interest in the growth and achievement of each individual member, and paves the way for loyal desire to live up to the expectations of the family members.

The family is the basic unit of the Church, and the Church is for the good of the members of the family in giving them a pattern of life in relationship to their fellowmen; that will produce a maximum of happiness in their life experiences.

Religious belief and identification is a product of the home teaching. The parent's response to the Church is the most effective influence on the child's religious attitude. If the child finds the parents faithful in observance of Sunday and week-day services, the child is more apt to become a faithful attendant also.

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This recipe, for pasting in the back of your Relief Society Cook Book, was contributed by Jean Spear Charsley, Luanshya, N. Rhodesia. Note: In last month's recipe one cup of salt should read one cup of water. Our apologies.

QUICK CHOCOLATE-COCONUT MACAROONS

Jean Charsley

Shredded coconut, 2 cups Vanilla, 1 teaspoon
Salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon Unsweetened Chocolate
Sweetened Condensed Milk, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups 2 square (2 ounces).

Method: Melt the chocolate over the hot water. Add sweetened condensed milk, coconut, salt and vanilla. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 or 3 inches apart onto a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 15 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

South African Mission

FORMER MISSION PRESIDENT DIES

Warren H. Lyon, 80, former Mission President of the South African Mission, died recently at his home in Overton Nevada, after an extended illness. He was called to the South African Mission June 3, 1903. He served as president of the Mission until June of 1906.

He taught school for a number of years, and then after being stricken with pulmonary tuberculosis he went into the drug-store and general merchant business. Surviving are his widow, two sons and three daughters.

After returning from his mission in South Africa he became very active in both church and community affairs. He lived for 36 years in an isolated rural area where he was a leader in all progressive efforts to improve the conditions of the district. He served for 19 years as Superintendent of Moapa Stake Sunday School and as a member of the High Council of that stake.

MISSION PRESIDENT'S TOUR CONTINUES

President Evan P. Wright is still in the course of his tour of the Branches and Districts of the South African Mission. For the past month he has been in the Transvaal and surrounding territory, holding conferences and visiting members. During this time he accompanied the basketball team on their trip to Lourenco Marques. This proved to be very successful and many favourable relationships were built.

President Wright was joined by Sister Wright in Johannesburg and she attended the Transvaal District Conference. Elder John Taylor, Mission Supervisor of Auxiliaries, was also in attendance at this conference.

President Wright returned for a few days to the Mission Home and then on September 29th, he continued his Mission tour with plans to hold conferences in Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban.

BROTHER RALPH BADGER RETURNS TO HIS HOME

On September 21, Brother Ralph Badger sailed from Cape Town for his home in the United States. This was the last leg of a

six month trip to Africa, which included three months spent in the interior of Africa and in the Union photographing animals and scenery of this continent.

Brother Badger, accompanied by Andy Fourie, visited several countries and territories, including Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika Territory, Belgian Congo, Kenya and Uganda.

During their photographic expedition they encountered many wild animals and on more than one occasion got close-up pictures of wild animals in action. They were also given the opportunity of travelling with a "catch-'em alive" expedition, and several hundred feet of film was "shot," showing the whole process of catching wild animals.

Brother Badger would like to thank the people of South Africa who were so kind to him during his visit in the Union. His return trip to this land after an absence of over 40 years was all that he had hoped it to be.

BASKETBALL . . . PORTUGUESE STYLE!

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On the final day of their stay in L.M., a farewell banquet was given in honour of the LDS team at which the executives, club members and representatives of the local press were present.

Typical of the after-dinner remarks was the statement made by Senhor Henrique Rodrigues, Vice-President of the Executive committee and financial chief of the Mozambique Railway. He stated that many athletic groups from Europe and all parts of Africa had been their guests on similar occasions. Of all such groups the Mormons were of the finest and would be remembered for a long time.

As a parting token, the missionary group presented a copy of the Book of Mormon, inscribed with the name of the team, to the host club for its library. Other copies were distributed to individuals.

Although Mozambique is a Catholic country, the name "Mormon" has been firmly implanted in that section of Africa through the comments that were carried in the press and the placards that were distributed to practically every store in the city. "Mormon" will be associated with clean living sportsmen that visited there.

Statistics . . .

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Calvin Gaynor Donly was ordained a Teacher by Francis M. Donly on August 20th, at Ramah in the Transvaal District.

BAPTISMS

September 10, Port Elizabeth.

Reginald Gordon Blair McHugh was baptized by Elder Darold H. Chambers and was confirmed by Elder George W. Quick.

September 10, Krugersdorp, Transvaal District.

Beatrice Philippa Dryden Powrie was baptized by Elder Parry D. Harrison and was confirmed by Elder Parry D. Harrison.

Charles Kenneth Powrie was baptized by Elder Farrell J. Roberts and was confirmed by Elder Dean D. Baxter.

Walter Frederiek Perry was baptized by Elder Parry D. Harrison and was confirmed by Elder Farrell J. Roberts.

August 27, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

Barbara Beryl Scott Wrench was baptized by Elder D. D. Metcalf and was confirmed by President E. P. Wright.

Wilfred Sinclair Wrench was baptized by Elder Darwin D. Metcalf and was confirmed by Elder Walter L. Hoggan.

BIRTHS AND BLESSINGS

Bruce Ellis, son of William and Rosabella Ellis, was blessed August 6th, in Johannesburg by Francis Donly.

Revel Ellis, son of William and Rosabella Ellis, was blessed on August 6th, in Johannesburg by Elder Geo. L. Albright.

Anna Susanna Cecilia van Staden, daughter of Johannes and Maria Van Staden, was blessed August 27, at North Western by William H. Brummer.

Elder Glen Hamberlain was appointed presiding Elder in the Bulawayo area instead of Elder G. G. Weggeland, as reported last month.

Beverley Margaret Jubber, daughter, was born to Harry and Margaret Jubber in East London on November 8, 1949.

Brian Osear Brouteseth, son of Ludvig and Hazel Brauteseth, was blessed September 7, in Durban by Elder Robert Patrick.

Andries Godlieb Brummer, son of Andries and Johanna Brummer, was blessed September 10 in Vereeniging by Elder R. L. Dutson.

Maurice John Fouche, son of Wessel and Mercier Fouche, was blessed September 10 in Vereeniging by President E. P. Wright.

Magdalena Gesina Johanna Muller Oelofse, daughter of Gert and Sarah Oelofse, was blessed September 11 in Vereeniging by Elder Richard L. Dutson.

Alfred Isaac Oelofse, son of Gert and Sarah Oelofse, was blessed September 11 in Vereeniging by Elder Gilbert Tobler.

Andries Johannes Brummer, son of Andries and Johanna Brummer was blessed September 10 in Vereeniging by Elder Gilbert Tobler.

Michael Sinclair Wrench, son of Wilfred and Barbara Wrench, was blessed September 24, in Bloemfontein by Sydney J. Spear.

Pamela Sinclair Wrench, daughter of Wilfred and Barbara Wrench, was blessed September 24, in Bloemfontein by Elder Walter L. Hoggan.

Peter Graham Daubney, son of Stanley and Mary Daubney, was blessed September 24, in Bloemfontein by Elder Walter L. Hoggan.

John Stuart Daubney, son of Stanley and Mary Daubney, was blessed September 24, in Bloemfontein by Elder Floyd L. Leavitt.

Elder Dean Martin was appointed Mission Supervisor of Auxiliaries and transferred from Pretoria, Tvl., to the mission office on September 27.

Transfers and Appointments . . .

Name	From	To	Date
Elder Meade Squire	Durban, Natal	Springs, Tvl.	September 1
Elder Harold O. Horne	East London, C.P.	Durban, Natal	September 2
Elder Gail S. Young	Kalk Bay, C.P.	Florida, Tvl.	September 2
Elder Clifford D. Bush	Diep River, C.P.	Orange Grove, Tvl.	September 2
Elder Wayne D. Bell	Mission Office	Vereeniging, Tvl.	September 11
Elder Joseph D. Reed	Port Elizabeth	Park Town North	September 11
Elder Leo D. Miller	Bloemfontein	Diep River	September 11
Elder Robert L. Jex	Johannesburg	Diep River	September 11
Elder Glen R. Benson	Durban, Natal	Mowbray, C.P.	September 11
Elder Lloyd N. Bradshaw	Florida, Tvl.	Devil's Peak, C.P.	September 11
Elder M. Magrath Merrill	Mowbray, C.P.	Durban, Natal	September 15
Elder Garth V. Hall	Sydenham	Pretoria, Tvl.	September 18
Elder James R. Moss	Springs, Tvl.	Germiston, Tvl.	September 18
Elder George W. Quick	Port Elizabeth	Johannesburg	September 25

District Highlights . . .

CAPE DISTRICT

District President: Daniel A. Cherrett, 14 Serpentine, Pinelands, Cape Town.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Alvin F. Park, "St. George Villa," Forrest Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town.

Reported by Beatrice Smith

The month's social activities began with a "games evening" organised by the M.I.A. on the 29th of August. The games played during the evening proved to be one way of keeping out the cold.

The Primary held their annual food-sale on the afternoon of September 2nd. An amount of over twenty-one pounds was raised by the workers. The children willingly assisted their teachers in this undertaking.

The first Sunday evening of the month was held under the auspices of the Relief Society. In their talks the Sisters stressed the great responsibility that rests upon the members of the Relief Society in aiding those who are in need. The readings also served to bring home the fact that willing service is a joy to the Lord. Sister Wright's account of the beginnings of this women's organisation was of tremendous interest to all present, many of whom heard the story for the first time. Elder Thorn's organ solo was greatly appreciated by all.

On the 2nd, our Boy Scouts took part in a competition at Rondebosch. On this occasion Brother Gordon Terblanche served as one of the judges, and Brother George Bibb directed the Patrol. At present our scouts are canvassing for engagements for "bob-a-week," which takes place early in October.

The Branch Cinema-show on the 12th was fairly well attended. The children enjoyed the first half of the programme and the seniors got a spot of fun out of the "feature film."

At Sacrament Meeting on the 17th, Brother T. Y. Wilson paid a special tribute to the memory of Jan Christian Smuts, who

had been one of the world's leading statesmen and had yet remained one of the simplest of God's children.

Our list of invalids is lessening with the approach of finer weather, and we hope that it will have dwindled still further by the time the warm days arrive. Among those who have been ill this month are Brother Alvin Hubert, Sister Hilda Dyason, Sister Butt and Yvonne Enslin. Brother Bob Smith went down with an attack of the mumps, but he is back in circulation now. Sister Beta Petterson was another victim of the fashionable Influenza.

We were all very glad to see Sister Valerie Hancock in Cape Town for the few days prior to her departure for the United States. We pray that she may have a safe and pleasant voyage to her destination, and that she may be blessed in her new home in Salt Lake City.

On Tuesday the 19th, we enjoyed hearing Andie Fourie tell about those strange people and places in this "dark continent" of ours. To Brother Badger we bid "good-bye" and trust that his family may see as big an improvement in his health as appeared obvious to us.

Brother Wallace Julian and Miss Dorothy James were married on the 9th of September. We wish them all joy and a long life of happiness.

Sister Clarissa Bibb and Brother Edwin Jakins have returned from their holiday. Brother Lionel Bibb has returned from his course of study in the Transvaal. We are glad to have them back with us.

The Hubert Family have gone to the Transvaal on their annual vacation.

We have missed President and Sister Wright during their absence. We are sorry to report that Sister Wright was a victim of the 'flu while in the Transvaal.

In spite of many obstacles the M.I.A. concert was put on on the 27th. Sister Daphne Higgs produced the play, "Three Young Ladies in a Temper." Those taking part were Sisters Lorraine Bibb, Beta Petersen and Yvonne Enslin, Miss Maureen Zinn and Brother Hugh Helm. Several variety numbers added greatly to the evening's entertainment.

PINELANDS BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Pinelands Sunday School and Primary children had a special picnic at Kirstenbosch on the 9th of September. It was a lovely day and the little ones enjoyed their games and special picnic meal in the beautiful surroundings of the National Botanical Gardens.

Pinelands Primary joined forces with the Mowbray M.I.A. in a successful cakesale on the Square on the 16th of the month. These children had also played a big part in the District Primary Food-sale at Mowbray on the 2nd. It is good to see the little ones take a lively interest on the development of their Branch.

BLOEMFONTEIN DISTRICT AND BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Floyd Leavitt, 7 Clarens Street, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

Reported by Inez Spear

District Conference was held on the 27th of August, with President Wright in attendance. On this day Brother W. S. Wrench and Sister B. B. Wrench were baptized. We are very happy to welcome them within the fold and we pray that the Lord will bless them abundantly.

We were sorry to lose Elders Miller, Wegeland and Metcalf, and we miss them very much especially when it comes to singing our hymns. We welcome Elder Leavitt, who has already found a spot in our hearts.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

In charge: Elder Donald E. Toomey, 40 Canterbury Road, Bellville, C.P.

Reported by Dorathea Storey

The Branch has had no special social activities this month, as the Sisters have been winding up their activities for the coming Relief Society Bazaar.

Their has been quite a lot of sickness in the Branch. Both Goosen children, Heila and Marein, and the Storey children, June and Alice, have had chicken pox. All are doing nicely now and are recovering.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT AND BRANCH

Branch President: Elder H. David Nelson, 26 Westbourne Road, Port Elizabeth, C.P.

Reported by Theresa Trollip

On September 3rd the Relief Society took over the meeting. Speakers were Sister Trollip, Sister Everton and Gladys Griffith. The reading was given by Sister Verena Lawson. The Relief Society Sisters sang, "Have I Done Any Good."

The Branch has said goodbye to Elders Jones, Chambers and Quick during the last few weeks and we welcome Elder Nelson to our Branch.

We are happy to relate that Brother Reginald Gordon Blair McHugh was baptized recently.

The Relief Society held a Bingo Game night on the 8th of September, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Miss Warren and Brother McHugh were the winners.

We were happy to have Elder Merrill with us on the 17th of this month.

May the Lord bless Gladys Griffith who is teaching the younger children in Sunday School, and Brother Havelock Trollip who is teaching the seniors. These two are doing a fine work. There have been many down with the 'flu this month among whom was Sister Van De Walt and Sister Chittenden.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT

District President: Norman G. Muir, 119, Kitchener Avenue, Bez Valley, Johannesburg.

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Francis Donly, 94 Somerset Road, Kensington, Johannesburg.

Reported by Mary Millan Stark

In order to raise funds to purchase hymn books the Ramah Branch Presidency convened a dance on the 1st of September in our hall. As a result our stock of books will soon be increased.

The Sacrament meeting on the first Sunday in September was under the auspices of the Relief Society when a programme arranged by Sister Lloyd and her officers was presented. Sister Pamela Wande gave the readings from the Scriptures and the speakers on the theme were Elder Hall and Sister Stark.

The Branch is happy to welcome Mr. and Sister Fountain back in our midst and Sister Eunice's musical talents will be deeply appreciated.

On the 12th the Mutual had the honour of entertaining President Wright and in an informal talk the President related incidents from the recent visit of the Basketball team to Lourenco Marques. Refreshments were served and the President entertained the members by playing some of the wire recordings of songs by the Cumorah Quartette. During the evening, members recorded their voices and when they were played back, great was the embarrassment of the singers and the amusement of the listeners.

We miss the Elders who are now labouring in Rhodesia, but we feel proud of the reports reaching us of their successes.

NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH

Branch President: William H. Brummer, 37, Alberts Road, Newlands, Johannesburg.

Reported by Janetta E. S. Brummer

The Sunday School was reorganised recently and the following are now in office. Brother Johannes G. Brummer as Superintendent, Sister Janetta E. S. Brummer as 1st Counsellor, Sister Cecilia H. Mans as 2nd Counsellor, and Sister Maria M. Brummer as Secretary.

We had a very successful meeting on Sunday 27th of August at Serndale. There were 29 people in attendance. Elders Sorenson and Albright gave us very inspiring talks. We also had Brother Johannes E. Folkschink with us, who will be leaving us soon. His new home will be in Sundra. We will miss Brother Folkschink as he has been in the Branch for nearly six years. We hope Springs Branch will visit him.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Branch President: John Troskie, 15, Harley Chambers, Andries St., Pretoria, Transvaal.

Reported by Winifred M. Cooksley

Now that the warm weather has set in, we are hoping for "bumper crowds" at Relief Society meetings. So turn up folks!

A very enjoyable "beetle-drive" was held on the 24 of August at the home of Sister Saunders. The purpose of the entertainment was to raise funds for the Sunday School Christmas tree. A grand time was had by all and a nice little sum of money was collected for the fund.

Brother Oliver Cowdrey's father is very ill and members are asked to remember him in their prayers.

President and Sister Wright were in Pretoria on the 16 and 17 of September and we enjoyed their visit.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Branch President: J. P. Brummer, 49 Heidelberg Road, Peacehaven. Vereeniging, Transvaal.

Reported by Rudolf Brummer

A special service was held in the local Town Hall on September 10th. The Vereeniging members had the privilege of listening to two really inspired speakers in President Wright and Elder Gilbert Tobler. Our Mission President and Elder Tobler had had a strenuous day the day before, visiting members in the district.

September was indeed a big month in the Branch for blessings, five being recorded.

On Wednesday the 13th, the first Genealogical "Home Evening" in the history of Vereeniging was held at the home of Brother and Sister R. C. Brummer. Games, musical items, and "tons" of eats helped to make everybody happy.

Elder James R. Moss arrived here on the 15th to labour with Elder Dutson for a few days, pending the arrival of Elder Wayne D. Bell from Cape Town.

Sister Jean Brummer was removed to the Vereeniging Hospital on the 17th. We sincerely hope that she recovers speedily and we pray for her to be in our midst again soon.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Branch President: I. C. Louw, P.O. Box 1, Daggafontein, Transvaal.

Reported by Mavis Louw

We would like to extend our congratulations to Brother Charlie Jubber Jr. and his wife on the birth of a lovely baby girl on the 28th of August.

The building fund held another of the popular "beetle-drive" contests at the home of Brother and Sister Wilson. Sister Yvonne van Mollendorf was the lucky winner, with Brother Atkins winning the "booby" prize.

We welcome Sister Betty van Zyl from Hermanus to Springs. She is going to reside in Springs permanently now. We hope she will be very happy with us.

We had a very pleasant surprise when Sister Kotze from N'Khana and her sister, Mrs. Gilchrest paid a flying visit to Springs. We were very happy to see them, and were sorry that they could not stay longer.

Our sincere sympathy to Brother Nelson van Niekerk on the sudden death of his mother in Cape Town. May the Lord be your comforter in your hour of grief, Brother Van. Brother van Niekerk had the privilege of attending the funeral of his mother.

Brother Fred Ninow, his wife Norma, Brother Harry Sharp, and his wife Myrtle were welcome visitors to one of our Sacrament meetings during the month.

We have received news from Brother Dick and Sister Eileen Jakins recently that they are very happy in their new home at Kaapse Hoop.

On the 13th President Wright accompanied by Elder Tobler paid a visit to Springs. That evening President Wright addressed a full attendance of officers and teachers of the Branch. On the 17th, accompanied by Sister Wright, he again visited us. They delivered some very inspirational talks at the Sacrament meeting.

A good number of members represented the Springs Branch at the Transvaal Conference. The Sunday School children again rendered their usual musical number in the form of a song.

To Brother Henri Hugo go our special congratulations. Brother Hugo was ordained to the office of a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood by President Wright. May the Lord bless you in this important office to which you have been called.

NATAL DISTRICT

Natal District and Durban Branch
President: Elder Morris Patrick, 562 Ridge
Road, Durban, Natal.

DURBAN BRANCH

Reported by Joyce M. Wahlburn

It certainly has been a pleasure to have

within our midst for a short time Sister Theo. Booyesen of East London. We were very happy to welcome two members of the "Ramah" Branch too, Sisters Kelly and Signe Smith. Sister Johanna Smith, formerly of Cape Town, was in attendance at one of our Sacrament Meetings. Brother Badger and Brother Andy Fourie paid a flying visit to Durban on their way back to Cape Town. We were not fortunate enough to meet Brother Badger, but we certainly hope that he had an enjoyable stay in this country.

The Durban Branch bade farewell to Sister Valerie Hancock at a lovely surprise party, given in her honour. Sister Valerie realised a lifetime ambition when she sailed for England en route to Salt Lake City, aboard the Edinburgh Castle on the 7th of September. Our Branch has lost a very staunch member and one who has played a very big, and always willing part in our activities. Val. has, through the years endeared herself to the hearts of many people, both in and outside the Church, and we are sure that her numerous friends throughout the Mission will join with the members of this Branch in wishing her Godspeed and a very happy life in the land of her choice.

A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended another surprise party held to celebrate Sister Nicky Henning's birthday and Elder Wursten's 21st birthday.

At the present moment different sections of the Branch are competing at raising money for our delegates. Many and varied have been their efforts, including a Bumper Cake Sale held by the Priesthood, (they sold them, that is; but didn't bake them, thank goodness!)

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Parents must set the proper pattern of service to the Church and there will be no trouble to teach the child to accept responsibility.

To the Latter Day Saint, permanence is the cornerstone to family relationship. Temple marriage, which is built upon effective living together in this life as the foundation for happiness here and in eternity, gives a degree of permanence that is unequalled by any other ceremony. In conclusion I would like to add a statement by President George Albert Smith regard-

ing the permanency of family relationship under the eternal marriage covenant.

"One of the greatest evidences to me of the divinity of this work is that it teaches there is life eternal on the other side, and that there will be a reunion there of the loved ones who have known each other here; consequently as parents we may well be patient and loving toward our children for they will eternally abide with us on the other side, if we and they are faithful. The few years that we live here will be regarded as a time in which we become acquainted, but when we mingle in the other life, we will know each other better than we have here."